

## The Economic Debate Extends

REPUBLICAN Not much to run for. Fun's diminished since we've given away all we could to our Rich Goombahs. May they remain grateful!

DEMOCRAT Given what we don't have. So we borrow from the Chinese.

REPUBLICAN Not really a loan. More like permission to unload...

DEMOCRAT their tons of slave-junk.

REPUBLICAN So be it. Opiate of the people.

DEMOCRAT You know? It...all of it sounds like an unstable mix.

REPUBLICAN Oh it'll blow! In our time, just a flareup or two.

DEMOCRAT Civil War2 wouldn't leave much if competing armies use atomic weapons.

REPUBLICAN Look at it this way. You need the coastal cities for commercial hubs. New York, Miami, LA, etc. Midcountry? Just Chicago.

DEMOCRAT So we might lose an Indianapolis etc.

REPUBLICAN Be one blasted heartland! There goes our Republican values!

DEMOCRAT We'd better, especially you, take a time out.

REPUBLICAN Tragedy belongs to the gods. Let the chips fall.